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In re Application of:

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BASE PLATE FOR AT LEAST ONE CARBON BRUSH

AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D. C. 20231 Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 2, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Change the title to read: --BASE PLATE FOR A CARBON BRUSH INCLUDING MEANS FOR ENGAGING AND DISENGAGING THE BRUSH--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as set forth below and in the attached appendix:

18. (Twice Amended) Brush holding apparatus for at least one carbon brush comprising a base plate having a ground wall and including at least one brush guide, a spring element constructed and arranged for urging a carbon brush having a longitudinal axis parallel to the ground wall, mounted in the at least one brush guide in a direction towards a commutator or

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